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1. On 24 July 1951, no changes were observed at the previously reported installations at Grossenhain airfield. An empty railroad flatcar and six boxcars were parked on the spur tracks west of the barracks installations. Five large crates, each about the size of a 15-ton railroad car, were seen on the loading ramp. (1) Eight smaller boxes, each about the size of a coffin, stood near the crates. They seemed to be empty because they were easily handled by the soldiers. No changes were observed at the four radio installations situated around the field. (2) The air force barracks installation in the southwestern corner of the field seemed to be occupied by 300 to 400 soldiers who wore black-bordered light blue epaulets.

2. Four jet aircraft were parked in the southern dispersal area. A three-digit red number was seen on the nose compartment of the southernmost plane. The Soviet letters were bordered white. No colored stripes were observed on the planes. (3) The air intake and air exhaust apertures had no protective lids. Four jet planes were observed in front of the easternmost hangar. Two small single-engine aircraft were seen between this large hangar and another hangar farther westward. About 50 additional jet aircraft were seen north of the eastern section of the barracks installation. Farther to the west there were six single-engine low-wing monoplanes with radial engines.

3. Between 8 and about 11 a.m. on 24 July, 14 take-offs and 12 landings were counted at irregular intervals of at least 5 minutes. These flights were made by jet planes from all three parking sites. A radio truck with an extended antenna about 2.5 meters high was parked a few meters north of the western end of the main runway. A similar truck was parked on the grass at the eastern end of the runway. Passenger

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